

Alg. 2 Warm Up # 4-2

1) Write an equation for the n^{th} term of the sequence.

n	$t(n)$
1	6
2	1.5
3	0.375
4	0.09375
n	?

2) For the sequence defined by: $t(n) = 3n - 2$,
is it possible for 46 to be a term?
If so, which term is it?

HW Questions:

2)

0	1
48	24, 12, 6

$\times 2$ $\times \frac{1}{2}$ $\times \frac{1}{2}$

$$t(n) = 48\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n$$

HW Questions:

$$8) \quad 21x^2 + 7x = 0$$

$$7x(3x + 1) = 0$$

$$7x = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = 0}$$

$$3x + 1 = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{cc} -1 & -1 \\ 3x & = -1 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{x = -\frac{1}{3}}$$

Find the equation for the Arithmetic Sequence

$t(n) = dn + a$

↑
common difference
(like slope)

n	t(n)
3	4
8	19
23	64
n	?

n	3	4	5	6	7	8
t(n)	4					19

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5 jumps  
of add d

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|----|------|
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| n    | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8  |
|------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| t(n) | 4 |   |   |   |   | 19 |

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$$\text{so: } 4 + 5d = 19$$

$$5d = 15$$

$$d = 3$$

$$n \quad t(n)$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

$$(8, 19)$$

$$t(n) = 3n + a$$

$$19 = 3(8) + a$$

$$-24 \quad -24$$

$$-5 = a$$

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$$t(n) = 3n + a$$

can go backwards to find  
the zero term, a.

| n    | 0  | 1  | 2 | 3 |
|------|----|----|---|---|
| t(n) | -5 | -2 | 1 | 4 |

-3 -3 -3

$$t(n) = 3n - 5$$

Find the equation for the Arithmetic Sequence

$$t(n) = dn + a$$

or:  
think of this  
as a line

$d = \text{slope}$ , so

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

| n  | t(n) |
|----|------|
| 3  | 4    |
| 8  | 19   |
| 23 | 64   |
| n  | ?    |

| n | t(n) |
|---|------|
|   |      |

$$d = \frac{19 - 4}{8 - 3}$$

$$d = \frac{15}{5}$$

$d = 3 \rightarrow t(n) = 3n + a$   
plug in a point  $(n, t(n))$   
from table to find  $a$ .

Find the equation for the Geometric Sequence

$$t(n) = a(b)^n$$

↑  
common  
multiplier

| n | t(n) |
|---|------|
| 2 | 18   |
| 5 | 486  |
| 7 | 4374 |
| n | ?    |

| n    | 2  | 3 | 4 | 5   |
|------|----|---|---|-----|
| t(n) | 18 |   |   | 486 |

$\times b \quad \times b \quad \times b$

$$\frac{18 b^3}{18} = \frac{486}{18}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{b^3} = \sqrt[3]{27}$$

$$b = 3$$

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Common  
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| n    | 2  | 3          | 4          | 5          |
|------|----|------------|------------|------------|
| t(n) | 18 |            |            | 486        |
|      |    | $\times b$ | $\times b$ | $\times b$ |

$$18b^3 = 486$$

solve

$$b = 3$$

$$t(n) = a(3)^n$$

Now you can either:

① Go backwards ( $\div 3$ ) to find zero term,  $a$ .

or ② Plug in a point  $(n, t(n))$ , from your table to find  $a$ .

You try:

Find the equation for the Geometric Sequence

$$t(n) = a(b)^n$$

$$t(n) = \frac{1}{2}(4)^n$$

| n | t(n) |
|---|------|
| 1 | 2    |
| 4 | 128  |
| 6 | 2048 |
| n | ?    |

| n    | 1 | 2          | 3          | 4          |
|------|---|------------|------------|------------|
| t(n) | 2 |            |            | 128        |
|      |   | $\times b$ | $\times b$ | $\times b$ |

$$2b^3 = 128$$

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$$\sqrt[3]{b^3} = \sqrt[3]{64}$$

$$b = 4$$

Another Geometric Sequence:

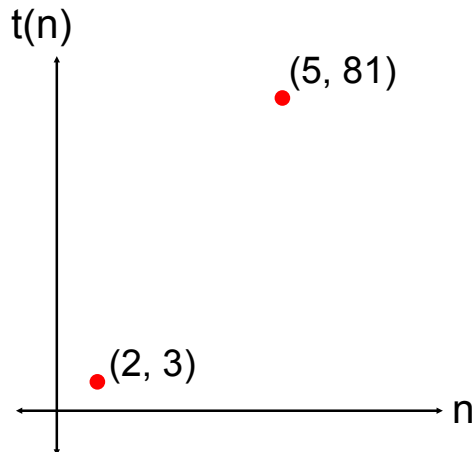
$$t(n) = a(b)^n$$

| $n$    | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5  |
|--------|---|---|---|----|
| $t(n)$ | 3 |   |   | 81 |

$$3b^3 = 81$$

$$b = 3$$

Now plug in  $(2, 3)$  to find  $a$   
or go backwards to zero term.



HW: Sequence worksheet # 2  
(Salmon colored)

Wednesday's short quiz:

Quick Line Graphs

Solve with  $x$  in denominator

Zero Product Property